



2653  
41

NIT-254

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

G. OIKAWA et al

Serial No. 09/784,141

Group Art Unit: 2653

Filed: February 16, 2001

Examiner: C. Magee

For: MAGNETIC THIN FILM HEAD, THE FABRICATION  
METHOD, AND MAGNETIC DISK

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

AUG 27 2004

Technology Center 2600

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application follows.

Inventor application of G. OIKAWA et al

Serial No.: 09/784,141

Group Art Unit: 2653

Filed: February 16, 2001

Examiner: C. Magee

For: MAGNETIC THIN FILM HEAD, THE FABRICATION  
METHOD, AND MAGNETIC DISK

RECEIVED

AUG 27 2004

Technology Center 2600

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| (COL. 1)                         | (COL. 2)                        | (COL. 3)      |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra |
| Total * 4                        | Minus ** 20                     | = 0           |
| Indep. * 2                       | Minus *** 9                     | = 0           |

☐ First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims

| SMALL ENTITY |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| Rate         | Additional Fee |
| x 9          | \$             |
| x 42         | \$             |
| + 140        | \$             |
| Total        | \$             |

| OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Rate                      | Additional Fee |
| x 18                      | \$ 0           |
| x 84                      | \$ 0           |
| + 280                     | \$ 0           |
| Total                     | \$ 0           |

- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write '0' in Col. 3.
- \*\* If the 'Highest Number Previously Paid For' IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write '20' in this space.
- \*\*\* If the 'Highest Number Previously Paid For' IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write '3' in this space.
- The 'Highest Number Previously Paid For' (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior Amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1417 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached in payment of: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.
- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C.  
1800 Diagonal Rd., Suite 370  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
(703) 684-1120

Date: August 20, 2004

By:

*John R. Mattingly*  
John R. Mattingly  
Registration No. 30,298  
Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:  
Commissioner For Patents and Trademarks,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on August 20, 2004, by *John R. Mattingly*